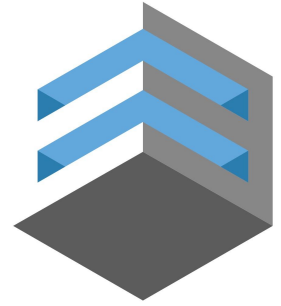


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Session 1: Word List

sterilize

v. to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation

synonym: disinfect, sanitize, cleanse

(1) **sterilize** chemically, (2) **sterilize** surfaces

The nurse **sterilized** the instruments before the surgery to prevent any infections.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

midwife

n. a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

synonym : obstetrician, gynecologist, accoucheuse

(1) professional **midwife**, (2) serve as **midwife**

The clinical **midwife** assisted with the delivery of the baby.

fetus

n. an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

(1) development of the **fetus**, (2) an aborted **fetus**

The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a **fetus**.

tremble

v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

synonym : shiver, flutter, quaver

(1) **tremble** in fear, (2) **tremble** violently with emotion

When I heard the news, my whole body **trembled** with excitement.

perpetrator

n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

synonym : culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

infertile

adj. unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable

synonym : barren, sterile, unproductive

(1) **infertile** woman, (2) **infertile** land

The soil in the desert is **infertile**, making it difficult to grow crops.

counteract

v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it

synonym : balance, offset, compensate

(1) **counteract** the effect of poison, (2) **counteract** global warming

Our body's immune system produces antibodies to **counteract** disease.

disobedient

adj. refusing to follow the rules or orders, often deliberately or defiantly; showing a lack of respect for authority or established norms

synonym: insubordinate, unruly, defiant

(1) **disobedient** attitude, (2) **disobedient** dog

The **disobedient** child refused to clean up after themselves despite constant requests from their parents.

seep

v. to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually

synonym: leak, ooze, trickle

(1) **seep** cool and moist air, (2) **seep** into paper

The rain began to **seep** through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

Session 2: Spelling

1. dis_____nt dog
adj. refusing to follow the rules or orders, often deliberately or defiantly; showing a lack of respect for authority or established norms
2. em_____ss my project
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
3. per_____or identity
n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
4. in_____le land
adj. unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable
5. culprit per_____or
n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
6. st_____ze surfaces
v. to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
7. a s__m battle
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
8. cou_____ct the effect of poison
v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
9. development of the fe__s
n. an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

ANSWERS: 1. disobedient, 2. embarrass, 3. perpetrator, 4. infertile, 5. perpetrator, 6. sterilize, 7. sham, 8. counteract, 9. fetus

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| 10. em_____ss political enemy | <i>v.</i> | to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed |
| 11. gra_____ld development | <i>n.</i> | a child of someone's son or daughter |
| 12. s__p into paper | <i>v.</i> | to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually |
| 13. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship | <i>n.</i> | a child of someone's son or daughter |
| 14. serve as mi_____e | <i>n.</i> | a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby |
| 15. turn out to be all s__m | <i>n.</i> | something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not |
| 16. professional mi_____e | <i>n.</i> | a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby |
| 17. cou_____ct global warming | <i>v.</i> | to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it |
| 18. st_____ze chemically | <i>v.</i> | to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation |
| 19. tr_____e violently with emotion | <i>v.</i> | to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness |
| 20. in_____le woman | <i>adj.</i> | unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable |

ANSWERS: 10. embarrass, 11. grandchild, 12. seep, 13. grandchild, 14. midwife, 15. sham, 16. midwife, 17. counteract, 18. sterilize, 19. tremble, 20. infertile

21. s__p cool and moist air *v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
22. an aborted fe__s *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
23. dis_____nt attitude *adj.* refusing to follow the rules or orders, often deliberately or defiantly; showing a lack of respect for authority or established norms
24. tr_____e in fear *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

ANSWERS: 21. seep, 22. fetus, 23. disobedient, 24. tremble

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Our body's immune system produces antibodies to _____ disease.
v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
2. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
3. The _____ child refused to clean up after themselves despite constant requests from their parents.
adj. refusing to follow the rules or orders, often deliberately or defiantly; showing a lack of respect for authority or established norms
4. When I heard the news, my whole body _____ with excitement.
v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
5. The clinical _____ assisted with the delivery of the baby.
n. a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
6. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
7. The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a _____.
n. an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
8. The nurse _____ the instruments before the surgery to prevent any infections.
v. to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation

ANSWERS: 1. counteract, 2. grandchild, 3. disobedient, 4. trembled, 5. midwife, 6. embarrass, 7. fetus, 8. sterilized

9. The data he prepared was completely _____.
- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
10. The police have not yet caught the _____ of the crime.
- n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
11. The rain began to _____ through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.
- v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
12. The soil in the desert is _____ making it difficult to grow crops.
- adj.* unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable

ANSWERS: 9. sham, 10. perpetrator, 11. seep, 12. infertile,